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For: SWITCHING SYSTEM WITH A ) Examiner: Michael A. Friedhofer  
COMBINED SWITCHING AND ) Confirmation No. 8744  
BLOCKING DEVICE )

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- (1) a Final Action under §1.113,
- (2) a Notice of Allowance under §1.311, or
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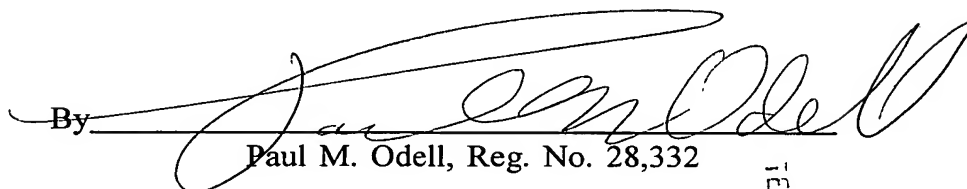
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Favorable action on the merits of the application is earnestly solicited.

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, the art identified on the attached form PTO/S/08A and other matters discussed below may be helpful to the Patent Office in its examination of the application identified above.

A copy of each of the patent documents identified on Form PTO/SB/08A is enclosed herewith for the Examiner's consideration.

Concise English Language Explanation Of Non-English Language Documents

DE 197 34 235 A1 discloses a fused switch unit with a fuse link which can be switched to and fro between a switched-on position and a switched-off position by means of a fuse holder for a fuse link. There is further a locking element (4) which is movable in a direction vertical to the feeding direction of the fuse holder, wherein the locking element engages a groove if a switch is switched on and the fuse holder is completely moved into the fused switch unit.

DE 34 06 815 C2 discloses a fused switch unit having a switching jig which is provided to receive a fuse link and which is pivotable between a switched-off position and a switched-on position.

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The Patent and Trademark Office Examiner is requested to review the art and determine the extent of the materiality of the disclosures thereof with respect to the patentability of the subject invention. It is expected that the Patent and Trademark Office Examiner will independently conduct a complete search for relevant prior art.

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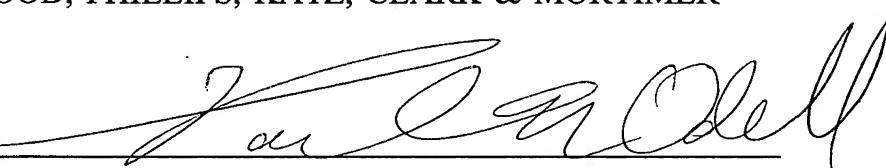
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Also, there is reserved the right to later set forth how the instant invention is distinguished over the disclosures of any document or other art, including the disclosures of the art cited herein, that may be cited by the Examiner in rejecting a claim in the instant patent application.

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